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G NO: 1665, January 5, 2 PM
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L PASS USIA.
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SAL January 5 Pravda publishes without comment 146-column-inch
ARA Tass despatch from Havana containing what purports to be
P full text Castro January 2 speech as distributed by Prensa
USIA Latina. Assume Department has full text.
INR

RMR Speech is characterized by extremely offensive personal
attacks on President Kennedy. Charges of napalm bombing
Cuban children from American aircraft, and the like.

While method ostensibly indirect, Pravda stamp of approval
and wide distribution such low attack on President is
marked departure from previous restraint as regards
personalities and comparable to offensive tone Khrushchev
recent letter to Adenauer. Recommend this action be taken
note of by Department. If considered undesirable dignify
and advertise Castro's insults by public statement Department
spokesman, perhaps could be called attention appropriate
journalists on background basis.

Embassy further recommends VOA carefully analyze Castro
speech and present correct version of facts as required
to Soviet audience.

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